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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): GLEASMAN, Vernon E. and ALEXANDER, Warren R.	
APPLN. NO: 09/238,444	EXAMINER: Michalsky, G.
FILED: 01/28/99	ART UNIT: 3753
TITLE: SPOOL VALVE FOR FLUID CONTROL	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 01/14/00

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Telephonic interviews relating to the Office Action mailed 01/14/00 were held between Examiner Michalsky and the undersigned attorney for the applicants on February 16 and March 20, 2000.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS

Just prior to the interview of February 16, applicants' attorney had faxed a proposed amendment of claim 12 and, during the discussion on that date, it was agreed that applicants' attorney had mis-interpreted the drawings in Bataille (U.S. 3,092,085) which had been cited as anticipating applicants' claim 12. Namely, applicants' attorney had considered Bataille's "port 16a" to be formed by a conventionally narrowed stem portion of Bataille's piston 16. During the first interview, it was agreed that, instead of being a narrowed stem portion, Bataille's port 16a was a hole forming a passageway through Bataille's piston. A further proposed amendment to claim 12 was faxed to the Examiner just prior to the interview on March 20; and it was then agreed that claim 12, as amended, avoided the Bataille reference.

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